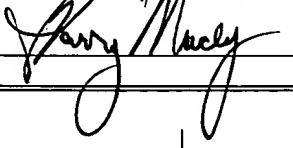




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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002 in the above-identified application from December 12, 2002 to March 12, 2003.

The extension request and appropriate fee are as follows:

	<u>Large Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
[]	One month	[] \$ 110 [] \$ 55
[]	Two months	[] \$ 410 [] \$205
[X]	Three months	[] \$ 930 [X] \$465
[]	Four months	[] \$1,450 [] \$725
[]	Five months	[] \$1,970 [] \$985

[X] Applicant is a small entity.

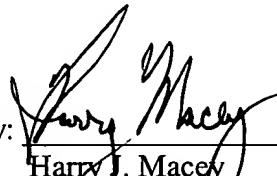
[X] A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1947 referencing Attorney Docket No. *. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1947, referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2016CP1.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and/or the Patent Office determines that other relief is required, Applicant authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1947, referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2016CP1. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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